I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Time for George II to payback his favorite accomplices, Corporate Media, for their role in derailing global democracy, eh? The complicity of the media CEOs in helping to validate an invalid presidency, in promoting the Texas Mafia's corrupt morals, and in presenting half-truths as whole-truths, have already eroded the integrity and trust of these companies. It has already come to the point where most of my friends no longer watch any TV; listen to the radio (except for music); or read a newspaper or magazine. When pressed about this, the answer is always the same, •Well, there•s nothing thereř•. They go to the Internet for the news. With what is certainly the most pathetic, myopic news coverage in the Western world, our looking elsewhere for quality content should come as no surprise. Nobody believes that removing the barriers of ownership and control will help anyone except the stupidly rich media owners and the government that helps them, not us, get what they want. S! eems competition has become anat hema to Republican Ideology. My, how times change.

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